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FLATTENING OF LASER OUTPUT IN A
MULTI-LINE-LASER INSTRUMENT

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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 17, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the additional reference, copy enclosed, which may qualify as prior art. For the Examiner's convenience, the reference is listed on the attached Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1449.

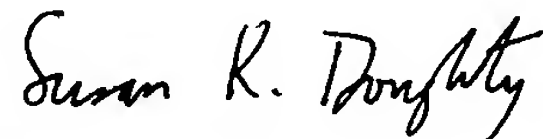
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e)(1), Applicants state that the item provided herewith was cited by the U.S. Receiving Office as International Searching Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, in the PCT counterpart of the present application and that the International Search Report was issued by the ISA/US less than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Also submitted is a copy of the International Search Report issued in the PCT counterpart of the present application.

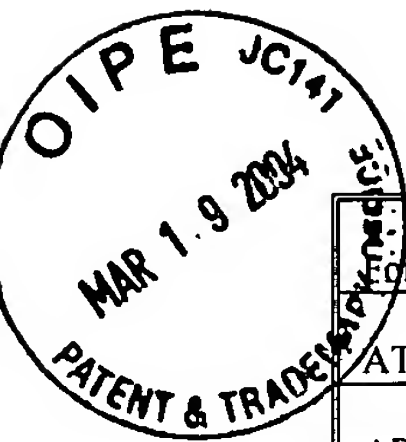
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